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1. Fifty or sixty nautical miles east of the Leningrad lightship, a naval vessel was seen coming from the south. [redacted] believed the vessel to have been a BO subchaser.
2. The control was not very strict. It was similar to the [redacted] customs inspection. Binoculars were sealed, however, before the ship entered the harbor.
3. The following observations were made at Kronshtadt:
 - a. The OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA was at its usual place.
 - b. There were a large number of MTBs sailing in the harbor. Many of them were [redacted] equipped with radar domes.
 - c. [redacted] saw three naval vessels: a ship with a raked stack klods (sic) to the bridge, a 10,000-ton vessel with three high and almost vertical stacks, and an old vessel, with one quite thick vertical stack and a small mast atop the bridge house.
 - d. A two- or three-masted ship, probably a full rigger or bark, was also seen.
 - e. Two or three old small submarines were in the harbor. Only the towers and decks were visible. No guns were observed.
 - f. In the channel outside Kronshtadt there was a destroyer about 250 feet in length with a raked stack. The ship had a single mast on the far aft part of the bridge between the bridge and the stack. [redacted]

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g. On the north side of the channel, a short distance west of Kronshtadt, there was a building which resembled a hanger (sic) for submarines or MTBs. [] there was room within the hanger for eight or ten boats.

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4. A passenger ship of about 3,000 tons, painted white, and probably built in the late 30's was observed in Leningrad harbor. (See 2 on sketch 1).

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5. [] also noticed a very large salvage vessel and icebreaker with a single yellow stack banded in blue and marked with the hammer and sickle. The upper part of the stack was painted black. (See 3). The same stack coloring was seen on the KRASSIN, another icebreaker in port. This vessel had the appearance of a salvage steamer. (See 4).

6. Three old vessels were undergoing repairs. The 10,000-ton steamer NOVOSIBIRSK was being repaired in the floating dock. (See 6). Two other steamers, with an estimated displacement of 3,000 tons (see 5) and 7,000 or 8,000 tons (see 7) were also laid up.

7. The 8,000-ton SS PETROVSKIY was under repair. (See 8).

8. Two Liberty ships were observed. (See 9 and 10). Apparently they were in dock; buildings and other ships partly hid them from view. Gun platforms left from the war were noticed on the vessels. No guns were mounted.

9. [] ship (see 1) loaded plywood. On the wharf were cases with unknown contents, destined for []. The wharf was in poor condition in many places. There were about 20 cranes, some of them brand new.

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10. While [] ship was loading, a small 200-foot submarine was observed heading north through the harbor. No crew members were seen. [] (See sketch 2).

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11. [] a three or four-story building with scaffolding around it. It appeared to be far from finished. There was much filling-in and construction work in the immediate area. (See sketch 1 at 11).

12. As far as could be determined there was no tower construction in progress.

13. An old bus with "Seaman's Club" painted on the side took the crew to visit the club and returned them to the ship. Only the younger members of the crew went. They were given books and illustrated papers. The trip was led by a [] woman.

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14. At departure [] ship was accompanied by an ordinary cutter.

15. [] during the outbound trip, one cruiser was observed at N 59-29, E 23-38. The ship was about 500 feet long, displaced approximately 8,000 tons, [] (See sketch 4).

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16. On the same day at 1800 hours in the position N 59-20, E 22-50, [] observed a naval vessel []. The ship was approximately 250 feet in length and had two low raked stacks and a tall thick mast, mounting radar. There was a space of about three feet between the mast and the stack. A small mast was visible on the forward rim of the after stack. (See sketch 3).

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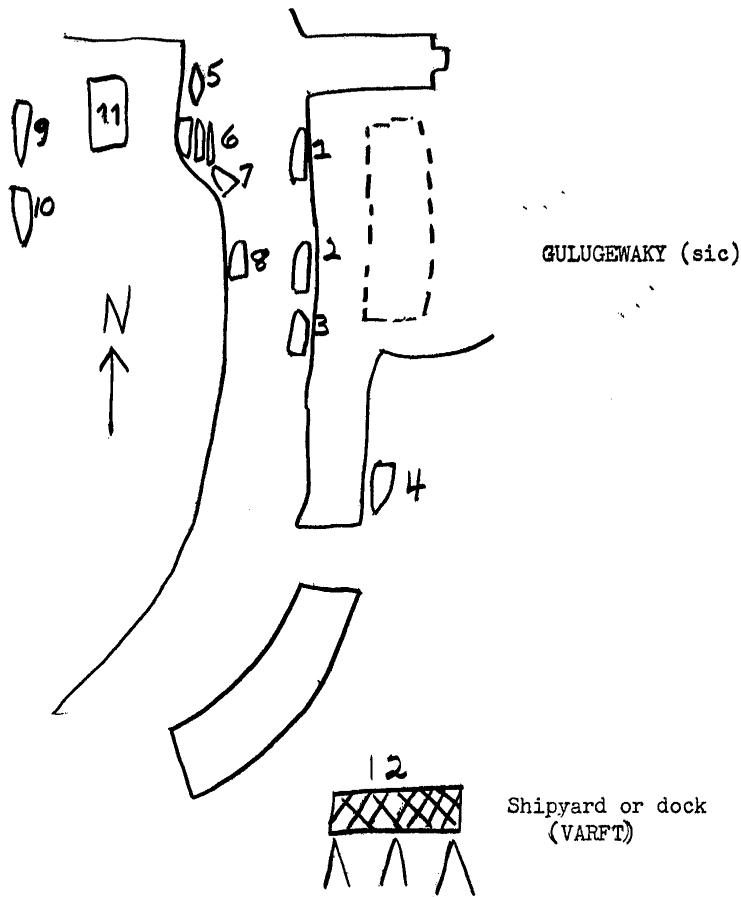
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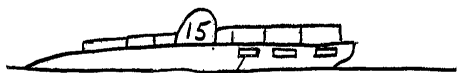
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Sketch 1

Leningrad, 1 July 1953

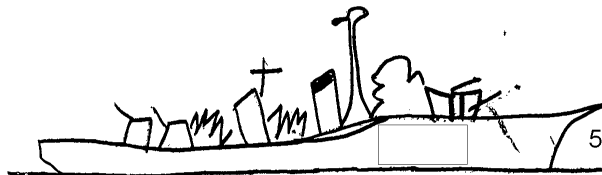


Sketch 2



Small opening, about 10 or 12 inches
on each link (sic)

Sketch 3



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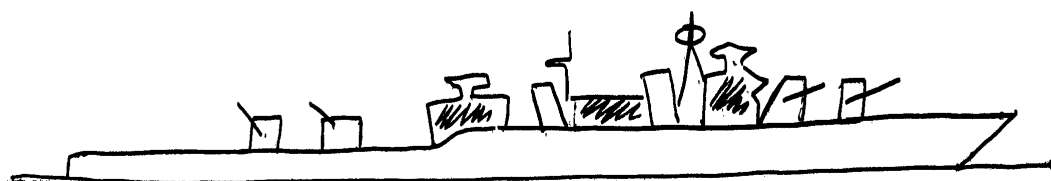
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Sketch 4



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